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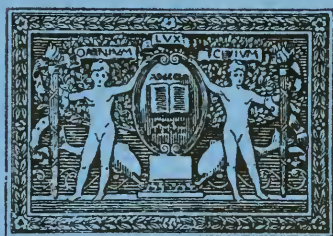
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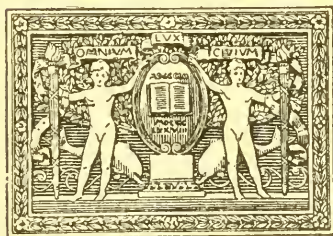
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# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ELLERY SEDGWICK, *President*

Term expires April 30, 1933

LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN

Term expires April 30, 1934

JOHN L. HALL

Term expires April 30, 1936

FRANK W. BUXTON

Term expires April 30, 1935

WILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL

Term expires April 30, 1937

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MILTON E. LORD

(Beginning February 1, 1932)

DIRECTOR

## ORGANIZATION OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, organized in 1852, are now incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878, as amended. The Board for 1852 was a preliminary organization; that for 1853 made the first annual report. The Board at present consists of five citizens at large, appointed by the Mayor for five-year terms, the term of one member expiring each year. The following citizens at large have been members of the Board since its organization in 1852:

ABBOTT, GORDON, A.B., 1926-1931.  
ABBOTT, SAMUEL APPLETON BROWNE, A.M., 1879-95.  
APPLETON THOMAS GOLD, A.M., 1852-56.  
BENTON, JOSIAH HENRY, LL.D., 1894-1917.  
BIGELOW, JOHN PRESCOTT, A.M., 1852-68.  
BOWDITCH, HENRY INGERSOLL, M.D., 1865-67.  
BOWDITCH, HENRY PICKERING, M.D., 1894-1902.  
BOYLE, THOMAS FRANCIS, 1902-12.  
BRAMAN, JARVIS DWIGHT, 1869-72.  
BRETT, JOHN ANDREW, LL.B., 1912-16.  
BUXTON, FRANK W., A.B., 1928-  
CARR, SAMUEL, 1895-96, 1908-22.  
CHASE, GEORGE BIGELOW, A.M., 1876-85.  
CLARKE, JAMES FREEMAN, D.D., 1879-88.  
COAKLEY, DANIEL HENRY, 1917-19.  
CONNOLLY, ARTHUR THEODORE, 1916-1932.  
CURRIER, GUY WILBUR, 1922-1930.  
CURTIS, DANIEL SARGENT, A.M., 1873-75.  
DE NORMANDIE, JAMES, D.D., 1895-1908.  
DWIGHT, THOMAS, M.D., 1899-1908.  
DWINNELL, CLIFTON HOWARD, B.S., 1927-28.  
EVERETT, EDWARD, LL.D., 1852-64.  
FROTHINGHAM, RICHARD, LL.D., 1875-79.  
GASTON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, LL.B., 1923-27.  
GREEN, SAMUEL ABBOTT, M.D., 1868-78.  
GREENOUGH, WILLIAM WHITWELL, 1856-88.  
HALL, JOHN LOOMER, A.B., LL.B., 1931-  
HAYNES, HENRY WILLIAMSON, A.M., 1880-94.  
HILLIARD, GEORGE STILLMAN, LL.D., 1872-75; 1876-77.  
KENNEY, WILLIAM FRANCIS, A.M., 1908-1921.  
KIRSTEIN, LOUIS EDWARD, 1919-  
LEWIS, WESTON, 1868-79.  
LEWIS, WINSLOW, M.D., 1867.  
LINCOLN, SOLOMON, A.M., 1897-1907.  
MANN, ALEXANDER, D.D., 1908-1923.  
MORTON, ELLIS WESLEY, 1870-73.  
MURRAY, MICHAEL JOSEPH, LL.B., 1921-26.  
O'CONNELL, WILLIAM CARDINAL, 1932-  
PIERCE, PHINEAS, 1888-94.  
PRINCE, FREDERICK OCTAVIUS, A.M., 1888-99.  
PUTNAM, GEORGE, D.D., 1868-77.



RICHARDS, WILLIAM REUBEN, A.M., 1889-95.  
 SEDGWICK, ELLERY, A.B., LITT.D., 1930-  
 SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL BRADSTREET, LL.D., 1852-68.  
 THOMAS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, LL.D., 1877-78.  
 TICKNOR, GEORGE, LL.D., 1852-66.  
 WALKER, FRANCIS AMASA, LL.D., 1896.  
 WHIPPLE, EDWIN PERCY, A.M., 1868-70.  
 WHITMORE, WILLIAM HENRY, A.M., 1885-88.  
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., 1867-68.

The HON. EDWARD EVERETT was President of the Board from 1852 to 1864; GEORGE TICKNOR, in 1865; WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH, from 1866 to April, 1888; PROF. HENRY W. HAYNES, from May 7, 1888, to May 12, 1888; SAMUEL A. B. ABBOTT, May 12, 1888, to April 30, 1895; HON. F. O. PRINCE, October 8, 1895, to May 8, 1899; SOLOMON LINCOLN, May 12, 1899, to October 15, 1907; REV. JAMES DE NORMANDIE, January 31, 1908, to May 8, 1908; JOSIAH H. BENTON, May 8, 1908, to February 6, 1917; WILLIAM F. KENNEY, February 13, 1917, to May 7, 1920; REV. ALEXANDER MANN, May 7, 1920, to January 22, 1923; MSGR. ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY, April 13, 1923 to June 13, 1924; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, June 13, 1924 to June 19, 1925; HON. MICHAEL J. MURRAY, June 19, 1925 to July 2, 1926; GUY W. CURRIER, July 2, 1926 to May 2, 1927; MSGR. ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY, May 2, 1927 to June 22, 1928; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, June 22, 1928 to June 21, 1929; GORDON ABBOTT, June 21, 1929 to June 20, 1930; FRANK W. BUXTON, June 20, 1930 to May 15, 1931; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, May 15, 1931 to May 20, 1932; ELLERY SEDGWICK since May 20, 1932.

### LIBRARIANS.

(From 1858 to 1877, the chief executive officer was called Superintendent; since 1923, Director.)  
 CAPEN, EDWARD, *Librarian*, May 13, 1852 - December 16, 1874.  
 JEWETT, CHARLES C., *Superintendent*, 1858 - January 9, 1868.  
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., *Superintendent*, February 25, 1868 - September 30, 1877.  
 GREEN, SAMUEL A., M.D., *Trustee, Acting Librarian*, October 1, 1877 - September 30, 1878.  
 CHAMBERLAIN, MELLEN, LL.D., *Librarian*, October 1, 1878 - September 30, 1890.  
 DWIGHT, THEODORE F., *Librarian*, April 13, 1892 - April 30, 1894.  
 PUTNAM, HERBERT, LL.D., *Librarian*, February 11, 1895 - April 3, 1899.  
 WHITNEY, JAMES L., A.M., *Acting Librarian*, March 31, 1899 - December 21, 1899; *Librarian*, December 22, 1899 - January 31, 1903.  
 WADLIN, HORACE G., LITT.D., *Librarian*, February 1, 1903 - March 15, 1917; *Acting Librarian*, March 15, 1917 - June 15, 1917.  
 BELDEN, CHARLES F. D., A.M., LL.B., LITT.D., *Director*, March 15, 1917 - October 24, 1931.  
 LORD, MILTON E., A.B., *Director*, since February 1, 1932.

# LIBRARY SYSTEM, JANUARY 1, 1932.

DEPARTMENTS.	OPENED.
*Central Library, Copley Square . . . . .	May 2, 1854
*East Boston Branch, 276-282 Meridian St. . . . .	Jan. 28, 1871
§South Boston Branch, 372 West Broadway . . . . .	May 1, 1872
Fellowes Athenæum Branch, 46 Millmont St. . . . .	July 16, 1873
*Charlestown Branch, 43 Monument Square . . . . .	Jan. 5, 1874
*Brighton Branch, 40 Academy Hill Road . . . . .	Jan. 5, 1874
‡Dorchester Branch, Arcadia, cor. Adams St. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1875
†Lower Mills Branch, 1110 Washington. cor. Richmond St. . . . .	June 7, 1875
‡South End Branch, 65 West Brookline St. . . . .	Aug., 1877
†Jamaica Plain Branch, 12 Sedgwick, cor. South St. . . . .	June, 1876
‡Roslindale Branch, 4210 Washington St. . . . .	Dec. 3, 1878
*West Roxbury Branch, 1961 Centre St. . . . .	Jan. 6, 1880
*Mattapan Branch, 8-10 Hazleton St. . . . .	Dec. 27, 1881
*North End Branch, 3a North Bennet St. . . . .	Oct., 1882
§Neponset Branch, 362 Neponset Ave. . . . .	Jan. 1, 1883
§Mt. Bowdoin Branch, 275 Washington St. . . . .	Nov. 1, 1886
§Allston Branch, 161 Harvard Ave. . . . .	Mar. 11, 1889
‡Codman Square Branch, Washington, cor. Norfolk St. . . . .	Nov. 12, 1890
‡Mt. Pleasant Branch, 335 Dudley, cor Vine St. . . . .	Nov. 12, 1890
‡Tyler Street Branch, 130 Tyler, cor. Oak St. . . . .	Jan. 16, 1896
*West End Branch, 131 Cambridge St. . . . .	Feb. 1, 1896
‡Upham's Corner Branch, 500 Columbia Rd. . . . .	Mar. 16, 1896
‡Memorial Branch, cor. Warren and Townsend Sts. . . . .	May 1, 1896
§Roxbury Crossing Branch, 208 Ruggles, cor Tremont St. . . . .	Jan. 18 1897
*Boylston Branch, 433 Centre St. . . . .	Nov. 1, 1897
§Orient Heights Branch, 5 Butler Ave. . . . .	June 25, 1901
‡City Point Branch, Municipal Bldg., Broadway . . . . .	July 18, 1906
*Parker Hill Branch, 1497 Tremont St. . . . .	July 15, 1907
*Hyde Park Branch, 35 Harvard Ave., cor. Winthrop St. . . . .	Jan. 1, 1912
*Faneuil Branch, 419 Faneuil St. . . . .	Mar. 4, 1914
§Andrew Square Branch, 394 Dorchester St. . . . .	Mar. 5, 1914
*Jeffries Point Branch, 22 Webster St. . . . .	Oct. 15, 1921
*Baker Library, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration . . . . .	Jan. 15, 1927
*Kirstein Memorial Library Building: 20 City Hall Ave. . . . .	May 7, 1930
Business Branch, first and second floors;	
Kirstein Branch, third floor.	
§Phillips Brooks Branch, 12 Hamilton St., Readville . . . . .	May 18, 1931

¶In the case of the Central Library and some of the branches the opening was in a different location from that now occupied. \*In building owned by City and controlled by Library Board. †In building owned by City, and exclusively devoted to library uses. ‡In City building, in part devoted to other municipal uses. §Occupies rented rooms. ||The lessee of the Fellowes Athenæum, a private library association. \*Under agreement with Harvard.

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TO HIS HONOR JAMES M. CURLEY,  
*Mayor of the City of Boston.*

Sir:

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston present the following report of its condition and affairs for the year ending December 31, 1932, being the eighty-first annual report.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Corporation organized at the annual meeting on May 20, 1932 with the election of Mr. Ellery Sedgwick as President, Mr. John L. Hall as Vice President, and Miss Della Jean Deery as Clerk.

The term of Monsignor Arthur T. Connolly, who had served as a Trustee since 1916, expired on April 30. Father Connolly gave generously of time and attention to the Library, until his active participation in its work had to cease with the advent of failing health. His services were described and recognized in the following Resolution adopted by the Trustees and ordered spread upon the permanent records of the Corporation:

Monsignor Arthur Theodore Connolly was a Trustee of the Boston Public Library from June 15, 1916 to November 8, 1932. During this long term he was twice President of this Board, and has left behind him the respect and affection of his colleagues, who deeply sympathize with the limitations imposed by illness upon his eager spirit, and now take pleasure in recalling the beneficence of his work and counsel. Monsignor Connolly combined the enthusiasm of the amateur with the maturity of disciplined judgment. His companionship is pleasant to remember; his services not easy to forget.

His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell was appointed a Trustee for the term of five years ending April 30, 1937.

In recognition of the service of Mr. Gordon Abbott as Trustee for the term which had expired in the preceding year, the Board adopted the following Resolution and ordered it spread upon the permanent records of the Corporation:

The Trustees of the Boston Public Library wish to place on their record fitting recognition of the services freely, generously, and persistently given by Gordon Abbott during the five years of his important service. From June 21, 1929 to June 28, 1930, Mr. Abbott was President of this Board, and retired on April 30, 1931, declining reappointment only on account of the pressure of other public duties. His term of office deserves especial remembrance, for it was owing largely to his vigilance and practical energy that the foundations of the Library were reestablished on new and adequate piling.

On February 1, 1932, Mr. Milton Edward Lord assumed office as Director of the Library, having been confirmed in this appointment by the Board on December 4, 1931.

#### BUDGET ESTIMATES

The estimates submitted on November 1, 1931 for the maintenance of the Library during the year 1932 were later amended and reduced. These estimates were as follows:

Item	Original estimate	Amount allowed
A.—Personal service . . . . .	\$917,219 . . . . .	\$858,000
B.—Service other than personal . . . . .	113,900 . . . . .	78,340
C.—Equipment . . . . .	214,566 . . . . .	172,775
D.—Supplies . . . . .	41,280 . . . . .	39,440
E.—Materials . . . . .	24,035 . . . . .	19,600
Totals . . . . .	\$1,311,000 . . . . .	\$1,168,155

#### RECEIPTS OF THE LIBRARY

The receipts which may be expended by the Trustees for the maintenance of the Library consist of the annual appropriation by the Mayor and City Council, and the income from Trust Funds given to the institution and invested by the City Treasurer. During the year 1932 these receipts were:

Annual appropriation . . . . .	\$1,168,155.00
Income from trust funds . . . . .	27,013.68
Unexpended balance of trust funds income of previous years . . . . .	49,805.86
Total . . . . .	\$1,244,974.54

Receipts which were accounted for and paid into the City Treasury for general municipal purposes during the year were as follows:

From fines . . . . .	\$22,522.69
From sales of waste paper . . . . .	55.18
Carried forward . . . . .	\$22,577.87



<i>Brought forward</i>	\$22,577.87
From sales of catalogs, etc.	86.11
From commission on telephone stations	513.01
From payments for lost books	1,073.92
Interest on bank deposits	10.29
Refund	33.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$24,294.35</b>

## EXPENDITURES OF THE LIBRARY

The total amount expended during 1932 was \$1,293,971.29. This was divided as follows:

From city appropriation	\$1,147,579.89
From special appropriations	126,345.78
From the income of trust funds	20,045.62

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year was 117,993, obtained chiefly by purchase, but in some part by gift and exchange. The total number of volumes in the Library at the close of the year was 1,631,422.

The total amount expended for books, periodicals, newspapers, photographs, and other library material from the city appropriation and from the trust funds income was \$179,973.00.

## USE OF THE LIBRARY

The home use of books for the year was 5,567,681. The use of material within the Library's premises for reference and study is for the most part unrestricted, and it is therefore impracticable to record it.

In addition to the above noted use of the Central Library and the thirty-four Branch Libraries, deposits of books were made available to 338 agencies, including engine houses, institutions, and schools.

## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1931 AND 1932

A comparison of certain statistics of 1932 with those for 1931 is noted below:

	1931	1932
Total expenditures: city appropriation and trust funds income . . .	\$1,267,221.00 . . .	\$1,167,625.51
Expended for books and other library material from city appropriation and trust funds income . . .	211,103.00 . . .	179,973.00
Number of volumes added . . .	131,454 . . .	117,993
Total number of volumes in the Library	1,572,802 . . .	1,631,422
Borrowed for home use . . .	4,702,932 . . .	5,567,681
Number of card holders . . .	171,176 . . .	194,517

## REVISED ORGANIZATION PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY

On September 12 the Board adopted a revised plan of organization for the Library. In accordance therewith the Director was requested to investigate the arrangement of personnel and the like necessary for putting the plan into effect.

## BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

During 1932 there were opened to the public three new branch library buildings: for the Faneuil Branch Library, the Boylston Branch Library, and the Jeffries Point Branch Library. These were constructed under a special appropriation of \$200,000 approved for the purpose on March 3, 1931. The architects of the Faneuil Branch were Kilham, Hopkins, & Greeley; for the Boylston Branch, Maginnis & Walsh; for the Jeffries Point Branch, Thomas Williams.

At the Central Library considerable attention was given to the problem of the level of the ground water in the vicinity of Copley Square, particularly as this affects the piling and the foundations of the Central Library building. In the study of the problem the aid of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was enlisted. The study was initiated promptly and was still being actively carried on as the fiscal year 1932 came to its end, a report being expected in the new year.

## GIFTS

There was received a bequest of \$2000 under the will of the late Horace G. Wadlin, Librarian of the Boston Public Library from 1903 to 1917. The bequest was funded, with the income to be used for the purchase of books.

Mr. Harry C. Bentley presented to the Library his collection of Early American Works on Accounting and expressed his desire to add subsequently to the collection as additional appropriate items should become available. He presented as well the sum of \$220.38 in connection with the purchase of certain items.

The Beacon Hill Garden Club made available a much appreciated gift in the way of adequate planting for the grounds of the West End Branch Library.

The Library received during the year many important gifts of books and other library material. A list of the principal gifts is to be found in the Appendix on pages 42-44.

## TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees welcome bequests of money and hope that generous testators may remember the Library. It is from such sources only that they can make purchases of rare and other important books that give value and prestige to a great educational institution such as the Library has become.

As a matter of interest to the public the Board has pleasure in listing herein the present trust funds of the Library, with explanatory notes. This list will be found on pages 45-55.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the assistance given by the Examining Committee of 1932. Its membership included the following individuals:

Mr. George Bramwell Baker	Mr. George R. Nutter
Mr. J. A. Lowell Blake	Hon. James P. Parmenter
Mr. Arthur H. Cole	Mr. Charles O. Pengra
Mr. Allen Curtis	Mrs. Elizabeth W. Perkins
Mr. Frederic H. Curtiss	Mrs. Edward M. Pickman
Mr. William J. Davidson	Mr. Walworth Pierce
Miss Susan J. Ginn	Mr. Robert Proctor
Mr. Henry Lewis Johnson	Dr. David D. Scannell
Mr. Matt B. Jones	Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff
Mr. James Ernest King	Rev. William M. Stinson, S.J.
Mrs. Edward L. Logan	Mr. Joseph P. Towe
Rev. Harry Levi	Mrs. Frederick Winslow

It is gratifying to have the generous and helpful assistance of citizens who render such service. Special attention is called to the constructive report of the Committee as it appears on pages 14-26 immediately following.

## CONCLUSION

The Trustees call attention particularly to the report of the Director of the Library. This follows on pages 27-32.

They wish also to express publicly their appreciation of the work which the staff of the Library has carried on in the interest of the public.

FRANK W. BUXTON

JOHN L. HALL

LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN

WILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL

ELLERY SEDGWICK



NEW BUILDING OF THE JEFFRIES POINT BRANCH LIBRARY  
Opened June 13, 1932





## BALANCE SHEET

## BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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## CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES:

## To EXPENDITURES FOR:

Permanent employees (exclusive of Printing and Binding Department employees) . . . . .	\$668,048.45	
Temporary employees . . . . .	109,958.58	
		\$778,007.03

## To SERVICE OTHER THAN PERSONAL:

Printing and binding . . . . .	208.88	
Advertising . . . . .	52.76	
Transportation of persons . . . . .	1,744.14	
Cartage and freight . . . . .	7,666.43	
Light and power . . . . .	19,386.75	
Rent, taxes and water . . . . .	19,716.00	
Surety bond and insurance . . . . .	82.04	
Communication . . . . .	3,502.48	
Cleaning . . . . .	1,349.25	
Removal of ashes . . . . .	20.40	
Removal of snow . . . . .	225.35	
Expert . . . . .	1,576.77	
Fees . . . . .	110.60	
Photographic and blueprinting . . . . .	347.75	
General plant . . . . .	9,536.82	
		65,526.42

## To EXPENDITURE FOR EQUIPMENT:

Machinery . . . . .	1.62	
Motorless vehicles . . . . .	14.95	
Furniture and fittings . . . . .	9,501.56	
Office . . . . .	2,031.98	
Books:		
City Appropriation	147,921.04	
Trust funds income (including transfer to London account)	20,985.87	168,906.91
Newspapers:		
City appropriation	942.44	
Trust funds income	2272.49	3,214.93
Music:		
City appropriation	211.68	
Trust funds income	1,213.64	1,425.32
Lantern slides:		
City appropriation	78.00	
Trust funds income	80.70	158.70
Periodicals:		
City appropriation	14,489.03	
Trust funds income	1,433.32	15,922.35
Photographs:		
City appropriation	43.37	
Trust funds income	16.40	59.77
Tools and instruments . . . . .		850.90
General plant . . . . .		3563.67
		205,652.66
Carried forward . . . . .		\$1,049,186.11

## EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1932

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BY CITY APPROPRIATION 1932 . . . . .	\$1,168,155.00	
Income from Trust funds . . . . .	27,013.68	
Income from James L. Whitney Bibliographic Account . . . . .	700.00	
Interest on deposit in London . . . . .	46.78	
Transfer from Domestic Funds to London account . . . . .	11,000.00	
H. C. Bentley Gift . . . . .	220.38	
	<hr/>	\$1,207,135.84

<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	<hr/>	\$1,207,135.84
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## BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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<i>Brought forward</i>			\$1,049,186.11
To EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPLIES:			
Office		7,621.01	
Food and ice		311.73	
Fuel		18,655.61	
Forage and animal		18.35	
Medical		72.05	
Laundry, cleaning, toilet		2,022.89	
Agricultural		486.07	
Chemicals and disinfectants		194.85	
General plant		2,387.79	
			31,770.35
To EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIAL:			
Building		4,244.38	
Electrical		2,257.57	
General plant		1,249.17	
			7,751.12
To SPECIAL ITEMS:			
J. L. Whitney Bibliographic Account		2,755.42	
Francis Skinner, reimbursement		43.20	
			2,798.62
To BINDING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries		61,421.02	
Light		66.54	
Repairs		87.86	
Equipment		1,354.30	
Supplies		3.85	
Stock		6,046.49	
			68,980.06
To PRINTING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries		14,252.05	
Light		44.36	
Communication		1.15	
Repairs		216.41	
Equipment		224.92	
Supplies		21.53	
Stock		4,558.40	
Material		2.95	
Outside Work		287.88	
			19,609.65
To SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:			
Branch libraries, establishment of		113,220.72	113,220.72
Central Library Building,			
Fireproofing, improvements, etc.		387.30	387.30
Central Library Building			
Foundation improvements, etc.		12,737.76	12,737.76
<i>Carried forward</i>			\$1,306,441.69

## EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1932

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,207,135.84
BY BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1931:		
Trust Funds income, City Treasurer . . . .	49,805.86	
Trust Funds income on deposit in London . . . .	693.97	
City Appropriation on deposit in London . . . .	3,117.39	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic Account . . . .	8,278.15	
Library Building, Foundations . . . . .	32,485.72	
Library Building, Fireproofing . . . . .	16,912.10	
Branch Libraries, establishment of . . . . .	121,557.95	
	<hr/>	232,851.14

<i>Carried forward</i>		<hr/>	\$1,439,986.98
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## BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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<i>Brought forward</i>							\$1,306,441.69
TO AMOUNT PAID INTO CITY TREASURER:							
Fines	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,522.69
Sales of catalogues, bulletins	.	.	.	.	.	.	86.11
Commission on telephone stations	.	.	.	.	.	.	513.01
Payments for lost books	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,073.92
Interest on bank deposit	.	.	.	.	.	.	10.29
Refunds	.	.	.	.	.	.	33.15
Sales of waste paper	.	.	.	.	.	.	55.18
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							24,294.35
TO BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1932:							
Trust funds income on deposit in London	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.87
City appropriation on deposit in London	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,404.53
Trust funds income, City Treasury	.	.	.	.	.	.	57,509.68
James L. Whitney Bibliographic Account	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,222.73
H. C. Bentley Gift	.	.	.	.	.	.	220.38
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							68,360.19
TO BALANCE UNEXPENDED:							
General appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	20,575.11
Central Library Building, Fireproofing	.	.	.	.	.	.	16,524.80
Central Library Building, Foundations	.	.	.	.	.	.	19,747.96
Branch Libraries, Establishment of	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,337.23
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							65,185.10

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 \$1,464,281.33



## EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1932

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<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$1,439,986.98
By RECEIPTS:	
From fines . . . . .	22,522.69
Sales of catalogues, bulletins . . . . .	86.11
Commission on telephone stations . . . . .	513.01
Payments for lost books . . . . .	1,073.92
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	10.29
Refund . . . . .	33.15
Sales of waste paper . . . . .	55.18
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	24,294.35

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# REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Gentlemen:*

The Examining Committee submits its report for 1932.

In accordance with the suggestions made in the last report, the Committee met in October and substantially completed its work by December first. The sub-committees were in part reorganized so as to avoid overlapping. The thirty-three branch libraries were divided into eleven groups of three each, and two members were assigned to visit each group. A list of suggestions was given to the sub-committees and to the visitors to branches, to assist them in their examinations. These changes have all worked well, and we advise that they be continued, with the additional recommendation that the Examining Committee be appointed, and its sub-committees designated, in the spring or early summer, so as to give ample time for investigation while not postponing the final report beyond December first.

This report is mainly made up from the reports of the sub-committees. These are on file and should be consulted for further details.

#### I. GENERAL POLICIES

It has seemed best not to attempt an extended survey of the general policies of the Library, but at this particular time and under the present circumstances to consider four subjects.

1. What shall be the policy of the Library in a time of depression? Shall it expand, or contract, its service?

At our request the Director has furnished us with some very interesting statistics showing the increased use of the Library during the period of depression. In substance, while about 5% represents the increase over the preceding year in each of the

four years up to 1931, the increase in 1931 exceeded 13% over 1930; and, in the twelve months from November 1, 1931 to October 31, 1932, there was an increase of more than 16% over the corresponding period preceding. In 1928 43% of users of the Branch Libraries were adults and 57% children. In the ten months of 1932 the ratio was just reversed — 57% being adults and 43% children. These figures seem to show the result of the depression. The important question is what shall be the policy.

It is obvious that in a time of depression each department of the city must make its contribution to the general situation. The customary contribution, of course, in most departments would be a decreased budget. But there are departments, the work of which may be of distinct service in a time of depression. No one, of course, would suggest that a public welfare department should cut down its activities, or contract its appropriations. There are other departments which, in a lesser degree, might also be of great service in such a time. Such a department, we believe, is the Library.

The unemployed naturally have leisure. The great problem of the future may be to find out how that leisure can be best employed, and the fact that leisure is enforced does not alter the problem. The old adage that Satan finds mischief for idle hands to do is never more applicable than in a time of depression, and we believe it is an important function of the municipal authorities to furnish something for idle hands, and heads as well, if they possibly can. It is just the time to throw open the resources of the Library to the unemployed. Under guidance they can certainly improve themselves, and, if they are only entertained, it is much better to have them entertained in a library, with its surroundings, than to have them entertained on the street corner, or in other places far less desirable. The resources of the Library, if they get used to them, will enable them to bear their troubles with more patience, and even fit themselves rather better for what may come when there is an upward swing of the pendulum.

Furthermore, we must not forget that it is among the unemployed, with their suffering, their anxiety, and their fears,

that the seeds of discontent are chiefly sown, which may blossom out into movements quite inimical to our institutions. In the present depression there is probably nothing that has been so striking as the patience, the courage, and the endurance which the unemployed have manifested. But it is not wise to depend too much upon the continuance of these virtues. Instead, therefore, of leaving the unemployed on the street corner to listen to the first demagogue who comes along, it would be a very wise move for the city in its own defense, and for a deeper and broader reason than merely consideration for the unemployed, to give them an opportunity in the Library.

We therefore recommend that the resources of the Library be not lessened, but if possible increased, or at all events continued as they are. We further recommend that every effort be made by the staff of the Library to furnish to the unemployed suggestions as to the use of the Library, by printed circulars, printed lists of books, and, in general, such advice as the staff may have the opportunity to give.

## 2. The relationship of the Library to the various colleges and schools in our vicinity.

This is a very important problem and deserves careful consideration. Some definite policy should be adopted.

We believe that it is of great advantage to our community, in ways which it is not necessary to enumerate, that we should continue, as we already are, to be a great centre for scholarly research. The Library may well do its best, in conjunction with other libraries, to furnish advanced scholars with all reasonable facilities for research; this should not be abbreviated.

But it is quite a different matter when the institutions of learning, schools and colleges, go farther than this and endeavor to save their own finances by having the Library furnish the books for reference and collateral reading required by their pupils, which in fact they should furnish themselves, at least to the extent of having adequate library facilities for the work done in their departments. This throws an unnecessary burden upon the public treasury and interferes very much with the use the

citizens ought to have of the facilities of the Library. If a college or school is to be started, it certainly ought to have an adequate library — just as it ought to have an adequate laboratory in the event that it undertakes to teach any of the physical sciences. It ought not to expect the city to provide the books and facilities for the ordinary pupils — whatever may be the policy of the Library as to opportunities for reading and research to be given to the advanced scholars.

We therefore recommend that a conference be called with the authorities of the various colleges and schools in the vicinity, the pupils of which have been accustomed to use our Library, and that a frank explanation of the attitude of the Library be given at this conference, in the effort to obtain some working system under which the Library will not be put to the expense of providing books which should be made available from other sources. We believe that such a conference would be productive of good. But, if it does not result in the determination of any policy, we think that the Trustees should consider very carefully whether there should not be a limitation put to the use of the Library in this fashion.

### 3. The problem of publicity.

At the present time, publicity is essential to any undertaking, and the Library is no exception to this rule. The objects of publicity for the Library may be at least two-fold. In the first place, publicity is necessary to increase the circulation of books among the people, and to give them a knowledge of what they possess in this great storehouse of books. At the present time we do not need publicity of this nature because it would be impossible to satisfy, with our present resources, any demand which would thus be stimulated. When means are at hand it will be well to investigate the possibility of establishing additional branches in department stores, factories, etc.

The second object of publicity is to interest in the Library many persons of means and cultivation who are not at present interested in it at all. The Library ought to build up a back-



ground of interest — such as is displayed by those who contribute to the Museum of Fine Arts and to the Symphony Orchestra. The possession of this great accumulation of books is as much of cultural influence as either the production of art or of music, and tends to make its contribution to the general position of Boston as a centre for scholarly and cultural research. If this be admitted in theory, it of course requires much thought and consideration to put it into practice, and perhaps many experiments may fail before any experiment is reasonably successful. We therefore do not undertake to point out in what ways this publicity can be gained; we merely mention the general policy, which should be, as we believe, to interest persons of means and cultivation in the Library, so that the Library may be sustained not only by their interest, but also in practical ways by their munificence; we must keep up books of the higher type if we are to be a great centre of research.

We recommend that a fund be placed at the disposal of the Director, to be expended in making such experiments as he may believe to be effective in gaining this type of publicity. If such a fund cannot come from the city appropriation, it might well be supplied out of unrestricted trust funds.

#### 4. Changes to render the branch libraries less institutional.

Of course the first idea that comes to the mind of anyone who learns of a branch library is that it is merely a place for giving out books, without subjecting the recipient to the trouble of going to the central library. That of course is its prime function. But the branch library has the possibility of very much more. And in some branch libraries this has been undertaken. It may be made physically attractive to its community; it may serve as a community centre to stimulate a taste for reading; and in various other directions it may develop more homogeneity than is customarily found in these large urban centres.

We feel that this type of work can well be extended in some branches, whereas in others it cannot be engaged in to advantage. We suggest to the branch librarians that, where it is possible, they consider in what way such extension can take place.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

Three topics have been considered, and the recommendations in connection with each of them are given herewith.

1. To review the business and office practices of the Library, with a view to their development along up-to-date and efficient lines.

We recommend that the entire administration of the library and the branches be studied with a view to relieving the Director of passing on unnecessary details, and placing more responsibility in the hands of each department head. The time and energies of the Director under the present system of organization must be taken up with decisions upon details of operation, which could be made adequately by appropriate subordinates. The Director's duties should be more largely related to problems of principle and policy. To this end we recommend the establishment of three main divisions in the Library's organization. Each of these should be headed by responsible officers who can relieve the Director of much of his present unnecessary executive burden and at the same time coördinate the work of the many existing independent departments along large functional lines. These three functional lines — and therefore the three main divisions into which the organization might fall — seem to us to be substantially the following:

- a. Circulation (branch libraries)
- b. Reference (central library)
- c. Business operations (the business management of the entire library system).

We believe that such an organization will prove much more economical and efficient and will eliminate duplication of records. To bring this about would necessitate some rearrangement of the physical location of certain groups whose activities are analogous, and concentrating them, thus bringing them into closer contact. We believe that, if this were done, it might be possible to introduce new methods or modernize methods now in use.



In connection with the suggestion that the administration be divided under three main divisions, it would be expected that the heads of those divisions might be selected from the Library's present force, but we believe that this matter is of such great importance that, unless such skilled assistants could be found there, some of these positions, at least, might have to be filled from the outside.

If such an organization as suggested could be worked out, we believe that many of the problems facing the Library's administration might be solved with ultimate savings in labor, including the problem of the increased use of the Library which has appeared during the present period.

## 2. To consider the problem of missing, stolen and mutilated books.

We appreciate that these problems face all institutions of this character. Many libraries have inaugurated the policy of obliging all users, both in the main library and in the branches, to check all bags and packages at the entrance. This should be studied carefully, and if possible developed irrespective of possible criticisms and hardships.

We have been surprised to learn the ease with which access to the stacks is possible, and temptations placed in the way of young employees. Apparently, risk of loss may be minimized by a curtailment in the number of exits from the main stacks.

The question of cutting off entirely to the public the entrance on the Blagden Street side of the main library, and the cutting off of access to stacks from the rest and recreation rooms of the employees, should be given early consideration. It might be possible even to fence off some portions, if not all, from access except to those entitled to entrance.

A study should be made of some better follow-up policy on books, but we believe that the centralization of departmental work as suggested would assist materially in locating lost books. Also, in connection with the reorganization of the Library, it might be well to consider the shifting of the present force of the library to day and night work instead of having extra assistance at night.

The Trustees have recently had an experience in connection with the remitting of fines. We recommend that those to whom fines have been remitted be put on probation, and that, unless such persons meet the library requirements as to conduct and morals, they be prevented from further use of the Library for some definite period.

In connection with the mutilation of books: So far as these appear in the departments used by minors, we suggest that co-operation be sought between the teachers of schools and the heads of the children's departments, to the end that, in courses in schools that call for illustrative materials, such minors be called upon to report where such illustrations have been procured, and that, furthermore, the school authorities be urged to require only such illustrations as may be found in the daily papers and Sunday supplements. It might be worth considering for each one of the children's departments to have a supply of illustrated papers, which might be procured if necessary from the outside, from which illustrations might be cut.

### 3. The Departments of Printing and Binding.

These departments are ably managed and are doing excellent work, but, here as elsewhere, we believe that a more intimate supervision and tie-up with the three main divisions recommended in this report, would add to their efficiency, and probably effect some saving.

## III. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

While we do not expect that structural changes involving large expense can be made at present, we wish to call the attention of the Trustees to certain defects in the Central Library, some of which they may find remediable.

1. The lighting of the Abbey and Sargent pictures should be improved. Probably the advice of the lighting engineers at the Art Museum, who are familiar with such problems, might be obtained.

2. The Newspaper Room needs better ventilation. The floor is out of repair. It might be better if the regular entrance

were through the door from the outside lobby. Newspapers are now carefully stored in the basement; of these the early American issues ought to be placed in fireproof cabinets.

3. The Statistical Department, which might better be termed the Department of Economics and Documents, should have a more convenient and suitable approach.

4. When it becomes possible to make alterations in the building, the Children's Room should be on the ground floor with a separate entrance.

#### IV. BOOKS

1. We advise that the method now followed in the choice of fiction for adults, viz., selection by a group of competent examiners, be extended to non-fiction and juvenile material, so that books may be selected and purchased more systematically than at present.

2. We also advise that, in the distribution of books among the branches, more attention be paid to the particular types of books required in each branch. Statistics as to the use of books now compiled in each branch may readily be amplified so as to classify fiction and non-fiction in as much detail as may be found desirable. The result of such classifications, transmitted frequently to the Central Library, would serve as a basis for the allotment of books to the several branches. The trend of population in each district should also guide in determining the kind of books to be supplied.

#### V. THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES

1. We urge upon the Trustees the necessity of taking immediate measures to preserve from further injury the rare and valuable books in the Barton-Ticknor Room. The absence of proper ventilation and the lack of moisture are producing the most deplorable effects upon many of them. The steam pipes should be covered with asbestos, humidifiers should be installed, an oil dressing should be applied to many of the bindings, and



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the more valuable volumes, at least, should be treated by an expert binder.

2. In the Fine Arts Room a leaking roof should be repaired and the large collection of prints should be catalogued.

3. Some of the young men employed in these and other departments are given, besides the usual vacation, an extra month for service in military training camps. Their prolonged absence throws upon the employees who remain an added burden which should be lightened.

## VI. CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AND WORK WITH SCHOOLS

The Children's Room in the Central Library is in excellent condition. The Teachers' Room needs better lighting for the lower shelves, which could be given if the present lighting fixtures, or some of them, were to be turned down instead of up as they now are. The Adams collection occupies shelves in this room much needed for educational works. So the American Merchant Marine Library occupies needed space in the Branch Issue Department. It is desirable that such libraries, not a part of the Library's collections, be housed outside of the building.

2. The system of sending out books to schools as loan collections, whether from the Central Library or from branches, should be thoroughly examined and revised. Books are often left in class rooms for an unreasonable time, and it is doubtful whether they are used to the best advantage. A committee made up of representatives of the Library and of the schools might well study the situation, and if possible evolve a plan whereby these books sent to the schools might give a maximum amount of service to a maximum number of children, and whereby also the librarians of the branch libraries might be brought into closer touch with the schools in their neighborhood, so as to assist teachers and children to make more profitable use of the facilities of the branch library, and especially to turn the attention of the children to the better books. More, too, should



be done in the schools to teach children to respect books, and not to soil or mutilate them.

3. We suggest that in the branch libraries, while the younger children have their own room, another section be reserved for readers between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years inclusive, so that the section reserved for adults may be kept as a quiet place for older people.

## VII. BRANCHES

From the reports of the sub-committees on the various branches we draw these general conclusions.

1. A library should not be housed in a building used also for other purposes, whether municipal, school, or business.

2. The departments for children and adults should be so far separated that the greater confusion and noise which naturally must exist in the children's department may not disturb adult readers.

3. The condition of ventilation in the several branches should be examined and improvement made where needed and practicable.

4. A careful examination should be made of the lighting arrangements in all branches, to the end that there may be sufficient light for reading and study.

5. Linoleum or other suitable floor covering should be placed on floors over which many people pass. Good air, light, and quiet are primary requirements in a library.

6. Speaking tubes or telephones should be installed for easy communication between departments on different floors or otherwise separated.

We believe that in some branches, at any rate, improvements of the above nature could be made without prohibitory expense and would make conditions much better for librarians and readers.

In the following list mention is made of some of the more pressing needs of the several branches. More detailed statements will be found in the visitors' reports on file.



ALLSTON. Should be relocated nearer schools. Linoleum needed.

ANDREW SQUARE. In excellent condition.

BOYLSTON. New. No suggestions.

BRIGHTON. Linoleum should be laid in basement and repaired on first floor. Lighting too high.

CHARLESTOWN. Adults should be on ground floor and children on floor above. Ventilation in lecture room bad.

CITY POINT. Better rest rooms needed which could be had by using probation officer's room. Noisy floor. Lighting should be improved.

CODMAN SQUARE. Much used by children, and hence noisy for adults.

DORCHESTER. Telephone or speaking-tube needed between adults' and children's departments. Baby clinic twice a week should be removed. Lighting satisfactory.

EAST BOSTON. General condition good. Rearrangement of counter in children's room needed. Better rest room could be made in basement.

FANEUIL. New. Lecture Hall may be required later for reading room.

FELLOWES ATHENÆUM. Better signs desirable.

HYDE PARK. Wiring in basement not up to present requirements. More linoleum needed to deaden noise.

JAMAICA PLAIN. Work-room needed.

JEFFRIES POINT. Bad ventilation. Outside sign desirable.

KIRSTEIN. Much used, and needs more space. Subject catalogue needed.

LOWER MILLS. In good condition.

MATTAPAN. New. No suggestions.

MEMORIAL. Confusion, as adults and children are in one large room with one central desk. Room on street floor might be used for separate department. Means of communication with janitor's room needed.

MOUNT BOWDOIN. Rest room used for book repairing, for which it is not adapted. Telephone extension in main library advised. Exit passageway too narrow. New building between Mount Bowdoin and Codman Square desirable.

MOUNT PLEASANT. Poorly lighted and planned. Interfered with by other municipal uses in same building.

NEPONSET. Wholly inadequate. Much used and only one room.

NORTH END. Lighted signs needed at entrance. Room for adults should be extended into lecture room. Floor needs repair. Greatly increased use. Good collection of Italian books.

ORIENT HEIGHTS. Adults and children cannot be properly separated. Lower janitor's entrance should have lights.

PARKER HILL. New. Speaker's stand and screen in auditorium desirable.

PHILLIPS BROOKS. Ventilation difficult. Floor noisy.

ROSLINDALE. Too small and has gymnasium overhead. Other quarters desirable. Light for desk in children's section needed.

ROXBURY CROSSING. Should ultimately be moved. Bad ventilation. Floor noisy.

SOUTH BOSTON. Better rest room needed. Lighting system bad and should be improved as soon as possible.

SOUTH END. Very much used. Ventilation poor.

TYLER STREET. Entrance not well marked. Noise from gymnasium overhead.

UPHAM'S CORNER. Telephone between adults' and children's rooms necessary. Extra shelves and counter desk should be put in.

WEST END. Roof leaks. Lighting in children's room poor. Ventilation should be improved.

WEST ROXBURY. Working quarters might be better arranged. Floor covering in assembly room especially needed. Curbing for lawn desirable.

While this report is largely concerned with improvements which we think desirable, we are not unmindful of the great amount of good work that is being done. In the Central Library, and in the branches, we have found the librarians and assistants working intelligently and devotedly, making the best of often unsatisfactory conditions and well maintaining the high standards of the Library.

Adopted as the Report of the Examining Committee, December 12, 1932.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

I submit herewith the report of the Director of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1932.

## EFFECTS OF THE DEPRESSION

During the year the Library experienced to an increasing degree the effects of the economic depression. On the positive side this was to be noted in an appreciably increased number of individuals using the entire library system and in a greatly increased number of books lent to borrowers. On the negative side it was to be perceived in decreased appropriations from the City for the support of the Library.

## INCREASED USE OF THE LIBRARY

By the end of 1932 the number of individuals registered for taking books had reached the total of 194,517. There were then 23,341 more than at the same time a year earlier, an increase of 14%. That the effects of the depression were at work was evident. For instance, in 1929 45% of the borrowers from the branch libraries were adults and 55% children; by the end of 1932 the ratio had been just reversed, 55% being adults and 45% children. Such a change was apparently not a reflection of fewer children borrowing fewer books; on the contrary in 1932 more children were borrowing more books than ever before. It was more than all else a reflection of the fact that more and more books were being borrowed by more and more adults. Presumably most of the new adult users of the Library came from the ranks of the unemployed.

In their leisure the unemployed everywhere have apparently turned to the public library. There seems otherwise to be no

reasonable explanation of the greatly increased use of the Library during these last three years, including 1932. Since 1929 there has occurred an increase of 42% in the number of books borrowed for home use. The number lent during 1932 alone was 18% greater than the number lent in 1931. The following table indicates what has happened:

	NO. OF BOOKS LENT FOR HOME USE			PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OVER PRECEDING YEAR			PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OVER 1929		
1929	.	.	.	3,930,068	.	.	.	.	.
1930	.	.	.	4,133,459	.	.	5%	.	5%
1931	.	.	.	4,702,932	.	.	13%	.	20%
1932	.	.	.	5,567,681	.	.	18%	.	42%

In connection with these figures it is of interest to note that, whereas the average percentage of increase for the public libraries of the country at large during the three years was 37%, the percentage of increase for the Boston Public Library was 42%. It should also be borne in mind that the above figures record only a part of the use of the Library, i.e., the number of books borrowed for home reading. No recorded use of books within the Library's premises is available; it has been evident, however, that the latter has increased markedly. The total effect has been by the end of 1932 to make acute the need for additional assistants and for more books, old as well as new. This need is interestingly presented from still another point of view on pages 14-16 above in the Report of this year's Examining Committee.

#### DECREASED APPROPRIATIONS

With the beginning of the year it became clear that in facing the greatly increasing demands noted above the Library was to have appreciably decreased funds with which to carry on its work. The City appropriated for its support during 1932 the amount of \$1,168,155. This was a reduction of \$94,349 from the amount appropriated for the preceding year 1931. Operating expenses had, of course, to be reduced. This was accomplished in such a way as not unduly to hamper the Library in meeting the ever increasing demands of the public.

Fortunately it was not necessary to curtail the hours of opening throughout the library system, except for a Sunday closing of the branch libraries and a shortening of the Sunday hours at the central library.

The appropriation for the purchase of books, however, suffered appreciably. This was reduced from \$175,000 in 1931 to \$160,000 in 1932. The effect was that, while more and more books were being used, read, and worn out, fewer and fewer copies were being purchased to meet the demands for books, old and new, and particularly to replace those worn out from heavy, constant use.

Improvement of physical facilities had to be put aside for better days. The ten year building program, initiated in 1930, for the construction of two new branch library buildings each year came to a stop early in 1932, just as there were being completed the new buildings begun in 1931 for the Faneuil Branch in Brighton, the Boylston Branch in Jamaica Plain, and the Jeffries Point Branch in East Boston.

Yet, despite budgetary restrictions in nearly all directions, the Library completed the year doing 42% more business than in the last of the so-called boom years (1929). No appreciable additions had been made to the library staff during the three years. All of the additional work had been taken on by the staff, individually and jointly, in excellent spirit.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF A REVISED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

In carrying on an amount of work so greatly augmented it became more and more clear that the existing plan of organization of the Library was not entirely adequate for effective administration. The need for recasting its lines had already been recognized even before the 1932 growth in work made it increasingly evident. With the advent of a new library administration early in 1932 the problem became at once an object of study.

The plan under which the Library had been operating for many years was characterized by a relatively high degree of centralization. The result has been that the time and energies of



the Director have perforce been taken up with the necessity of making decisions upon details of operation. The remedy has therefore seemed to lie in the development and appointment of appropriate subordinate officers to assume responsibility for the detailed operation of the Library, so that the Director may be free to concern himself actively with the general duties that are properly his.

It was with a view to meeting this need that there was adopted in September a revised plan of organization. This is based upon a recognition of the large functional lines along which the major activities of the Library fall, namely:

1. circulation of books (centered largely in the branch libraries);
2. reference use of books (concentrated chiefly in the central library);
3. business operations (the business management of the entire library system).

In recognition of these the new plan provides for the establishing of three main divisions for the organization of the Library — a Circulation Division, a Reference Division, and a Division of Business Operations. Within these it is proposed to arrange the sixty-five or so departments and branch libraries existing at present. A responsible officer is to be named to head each of the three divisions, who with subordinate officers will be responsible for the entire functioning of his division. The three division heads are to be responsible directly to the Director; they will be the second ranking officers of the Library. It is intended that the Director will thus become the general administrator of the entire library system, while the three division heads will be the active executive officers for their respective divisions. The effect will be a decentralization from the Director down one grade, and then up to that grade a centralization at three separate points.

The development and application of the plan in detail will be spread over several years. Some of the steps can be accomplished in the year to come. Others must await the evolution of proper and suitable conditions before being attempted. All will, of course, be subject to change or revision as necessary or desirable.

## PERSONNEL

The implications of the above changes are many for the personnel of the Library. Perhaps the most important is that extensive training of personnel is necessary for the full success of the proposed developments. An appreciably large number of individuals within the library staff must be constantly in training for higher responsibilities. And, which is most important for these individuals, there must be an ample number of intermediate positions at all grades in which they can gain experience and recognition.

To aid in meeting these training requirements it is proposed that the training courses offered by the Library be recast on lines differing appreciably from those prevailing since the establishment of the Library Training Class in 1927. In June the Training Class completed its fifth academic year. It did not resume in October its program along the usual lines. Instead preparation was instituted upon a new program to be put into effect in 1933. The aim of this will be to afford formal training to those who have the will and the ability to develop themselves for increased responsibilities. The sole requirements for pursuing the new training courses will be a willingness to work and an ability to achieve.

It is clear that the members of the present staff of the Library will in most instances wish to take advantage of opportunities for improving the service which they render to the public. The spirit in which they have carried on the many activities of the Library under heavily increased demands during the past year is indicative of that. It is a pleasure to testify here to the excellence of that spirit.

Outside of the entrance of a new Director into office on February 1, there is only one important change in personnel during the year that has to be noted. On August 31, Miss Florence F. Richards, Assistant in the Shelf Department in the Central Library, retired under the provisions of the Boston Retirement Act. She was the senior member of the staff in length of service, having been in the employ of the Library for fifty-five years.



## CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that the limitations of space have prevented a detailed presentation of the work of the individual branch libraries and departments, attention is called particularly to the statistical summaries of their work that appear in the Appendix to this Report.

The Director wishes to express in conclusion his deep appreciation of the excellent support which he has received from Trustees and Library Staff alike. He is grateful for it.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

TABLES OF CENTRAL AND BRANCH CIRCULATION

	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932
Central Library	657,977	678,834	676,240	698,627	728,656	777,666
Business Branch				6,157*	13,193	16,604
Allston	81,984	86,960	97,445	108,557	137,709	175,054
Andrew Square	92,926	104,563	110,225	116,196	128,337	155,574
Boylston	68,196	81,405	80,097	79,946	94,306	147,862
Brighton	98,907	96,586	92,223	103,145	121,032	139,276
Charlestown	110,069	105,659	100,483	100,914	119,637	136,845
City Point	54,232	56,686	83,558	97,264	122,619	155,492
Codman Square	156,559	157,498	153,372	158,881	186,386	216,780
Dorchester	101,957	109,553	99,255	102,790	115,810	137,018
East Boston	140,379	151,099	145,759	157,746	180,859	218,072
Faneuil	50,212	60,143	72,005	78,436	90,424	120,007
Fellowes Athen.	89,479	91,463	88,381	85,739	93,970	114,937
Hyde Park	107,168	110,679	108,512	120,878	127,888	154,838
Jamaica Plain	85,262	86,398	85,935	95,895	118,561	133,335
Jeffries Point	61,893	63,185	62,111	70,768	75,459	100,736
Kirstein				18,020*	43,196	56,971
Lower Mills	35,835	38,428	44,730	52,279	59,692	76,137
Mattapan	95,085	124,374	133,210	139,723	187,669	220,675
Memorial	171,034	178,142	180,344	178,467	213,320	246,739
Mt. Bowdoin	129,487	132,424	134,008	134,310	151,456	168,036
Mt. Pleasant	66,315	72,367	72,167	76,956	82,795	100,361
Neponset	48,331	48,639	51,228	57,043	60,986	75,148
North End	143,381	146,616	145,201	145,326	158,333	185,849
Orient Heights	55,625	49,015	42,571	56,954	60,512	84,887
Parker Hill	45,862	51,412	56,209	60,815	112,308	130,042
Phillips Brooks					25,713*	50,383
Roslindale	113,150	122,260	124,995	130,268	151,956	170,287
Roxbury Crossing	77,770	78,269	78,803	80,022	69,034	77,650
South Boston	170,911	181,376	171,805	163,266	161,244	189,904
South End	116,226	117,982	123,794	124,352	122,870	150,745
Tyler Street	39,868	42,875	46,058	51,195	59,163	74,230
Uphams Corner	152,140	171,260	169,027	184,595	201,701	225,285
West End	175,683	183,887	180,854	177,125	189,543	219,413
West Roxbury	111,754	119,249	119,463	120,804	136,595	164,843
	3,705,657	3,899,286	3,930,068	4,133,459	4,702,932	5,567,681

\* For eight months, May through December.

The net gains in circulation are presented, apart from the totals, in the following form:

							VOLUMES
1927	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	306,520
1928	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	193,629
1929	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	30,782
1930	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	203,391
1931	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	569,473
1932	gain	over	preceding	year	.	.	864,749

## USE OF BOOKS

### CIRCULATION FROM CENTRAL BY MONTHS

		HOME USE DIRECT	HOME USE THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	TOTALS
January, 1932	.	38,891	9,170	30,557	78,618
February	"	38,989	9,068	32,348	80,405
March	"	39,580	9,720	32,469	81,769
April	"	36,294	8,513	32,902	77,709
May	"	31,133	7,151	32,527	70,811
June	"	24,569	6,372	12,941	43,882
July	"	26,715	5,555	4,550	36,820
August	"	26,021	5,786	4,392	36,199
September	"	28,900	6,260	5,346	40,506
October	"	41,969	9,151	15,928	67,048
November	"	45,213	10,879	25,553	81,645
December	"	40,595	10,096	31,563	82,254
Totals	.	418,869	97,721	261,076	777,666

### DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CIRCULATION

	HOME USE	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS	TOTALS
CENTRAL LIBRARY:			
a. Direct	418,869		
b. Through Branches			
1. Deposit Collections	69,756		
2. General Collections	27,965		
c. Schools and institutions through Branch Department		261,076	777,666
BUSINESS BRANCH			16,604
BRANCHES:			
Allston	175,054		175,054
Andrew Square	155,574		155,574
Boylston	147,862		147,862
Brighton	125,991	13,285	139,276
Charlestown	128,809	8,036	136,845
City Point	155,492		155,492

Codman Square . . . . .	205,295	11,485	216,780
Dorchester . . . . .	136,048	970	137,018
East Boston . . . . .	197,176	20,896	218,072
Faneuil . . . . .	120,007	.....	120,007
Fellowes Athenaeum . . . . .	100,657	14,280	114,937
Hyde Park . . . . .	148,356	6,482	154,838
Jamaica Plain . . . . .	119,336	13,999	133,335
Jeffries Point . . . . .	100,736	.....	100,736
Kirstein . . . . .	56,971	.....	56,971
Lower Mills . . . . .	76,137	.....	76,137
Mattapan . . . . .	220,675	.....	220,675
Memorial . . . . .	246,481	258	246,739
Mount Bowdoin . . . . .	168,036	.....	168,036
Mount Pleasant . . . . .	100,361	.....	100,361
Neponset . . . . .	75,148	.....	75,148
North End . . . . .	185,118	731	185,849
Orient Heights . . . . .	84,887	.....	84,887
Parker Hill . . . . .	130,042	.....	130,042
Phillips Brooks . . . . .	50,383	.....	50,383
Roslindale . . . . .	160,662	9,625	170,287
Roxbury Crossing . . . . .	77,650	.....	77,650
South Boston . . . . .	166,225	23,679	189,904
South End . . . . .	147,271	3,474	150,745
Tyler Street . . . . .	74,230	.....	74,230
Uphams Corner . . . . .	225,000	285	225,285
West End . . . . .	195,512	23,901	219,413
West Roxbury . . . . .	145,608	19,235	164,843
	4,602,790	170,621	4,773,411

These figures are condensed into the following:

*Books Lent for Home Use, including Circulation through  
Schools and Institutions*

From Central Library (including Central Library books issued through the branches) . . . . .	777,666
From Business Branch . . . . .	16,604
From branches (excluding books received from Central Library) . . . .	4,773,411
Total . . . . .	5,567,681

	COMPARATIVE	1931	1932
Central Library circulation (excluding schools and institutions)			
Direct home use . . . . .	350,675	418,869	
Through branches . . . . .	87,529	97,721	
		438,204	516,590
Business Branch . . . . .		13,193	16,604
Branch libraries circulation (ex- cluding schools and institutions) . . . .		3,775,021	4,602,790
Schools and institutions circulations (in- cluding books from Central through the Branch system) . . . . .		476,514	431,697
		4,702,932	5,567,681

Under the inter-library loan system with other libraries the following use of books for the purpose of serious research is shown for two successive years:

	1931	1932
Volumes lent from this Library to other libraries in Massachusetts	2,389	2,254
Lent to libraries outside of Massachusetts . . . . .	428	416
Total . . . . .	2,817	2,670
Applications refused:		
From libraries in Massachusetts . . . . .	692	841
From libraries outside of Massachusetts . . . . .	178	195
Total . . . . .	870	1,036

The classified direct circulation of the branches was as follows, for two successive years:

	1931		1932	
	VOLUMES	PERCENTAGE	VOLUMES	PERCENTAGE
Fiction for adults . . . . .	1,503,842	39.8	1,988,414	43.2
Non-fiction for adults . . . . .	423,081	11.2	553,638	12.0
Juvenile fiction . . . . .	1,255,640	33.3	1,401,932	30.5
Juvenile non-fiction . . . . .	592,458	15.7	658,806	14.3

At the Central Library the classified direct circulation shows the following percentages:

	1931	1932
	PERCENTAGE	PERCENTAGE
Fiction . . . . .	43.7	45.3
Non-fiction . . . . .	56.3	54.7

## BOOK ACCESSIONS

### BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE

For the Central Library:	1931	1932
From City appropriation . . . . .	15,309	15,810
From trust funds income . . . . .	2,962	3,359
	18,271	19,169
For branches:		
From City appropriation . . . . .	100,124	86,500
From trust funds income . . . . .	1,120	1,618
	101,244	88,118
	119,515	107,287

The following statement includes the accessions by purchase combined with books received by gift or otherwise:

	CENTRAL	BRANCHES	TOTAL VOLUMES
Accessions by purchase . . . . .	19,135	88,152	107,287
Accessions by gift . . . . .	5,316	1,908	7,224
Accessions by exchange . . . . .	32	43	75
Accessions by periodicals bound . . . . .	1,789	24	1,813
Accessions by newspapers bound . . . . .	138	....	138
Accessions by serials bound . . . . .	1,456	....	1,456
Totals . . . . .	27,866	90,127	117,993

### THE CATALOGUE

	1931		1932	
	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES
Catalogued (new):				
Central Library Catalogue . . . . .	28,764	22,640	35,772	23,524
Serials . . . . .	7,361	....	6,756	....
Branches . . . . .	88,331	78,383	78,128	69,882
Recatalogued . . . . .	12,836	7,083	21,102	8,270
Totals . . . . .	137,292	108,106	141,758	101,676

### SHELF DEPARTMENT

The number of volumes shelved and thus made available for public use, taken from the report of the Shelf Department, is:

Placed on the Central Library shelves during the year:	
General collection, new books (including continuations) . . . . .	29,964
Special collections, new books and transfers . . . . .	4,617
Books reported lost or missing in previous years but now found, transfers from branches, etc. . . . .	3,085
	37,666
Removed from Central Library shelves during the year:	
Books reported lost or missing, condemned copies not yet replaced, transfers, etc. . . . .	13,304
Net gain at Central Library . . . . .	24,362
Net gain at Branches . . . . .	32,081
Placed in Business Branch . . . . .	2,177
Net gain entire library system . . . . .	58,620

The total number of volumes available for public use at the end of each year since the formation of the Library is shown in the following statement:

1852-53 . . . . .	9,688	1893 . . . . .	597,152
1853-54 . . . . .	16,221	1894 . . . . .	610,375
1854-55 . . . . .	22,617	1895 . . . . .	628,297
1855-56 . . . . .	28,080	1896-97 . . . . .	663,763
1856-57 . . . . .	34,896	1897-98 . . . . .	698,888
1857-58 . . . . .	70,851	1898-99 . . . . .	716,050
1858-59 . . . . .	78,043	1899-1900 . . . . .	746,383
1859-60 . . . . .	85,031	1900-01 . . . . .	781,377
1860-61 . . . . .	97,386	1901-02 . . . . .	812,264
1861-62 . . . . .	105,034	1902-03 . . . . .	835,904
1862-63 . . . . .	110,563	1903-04 . . . . .	848,884
1863-64 . . . . .	116,934	1904-05 . . . . .	871,050
1864-65 . . . . .	123,016	1905-06 . . . . .	878,933
1865-66 . . . . .	130,678	1906-07 . . . . .	903,349
1866-67 . . . . .	136,080	1907-08 . . . . .	922,348
1867-68 . . . . .	144,092	1908-09 . . . . .	941,024
1868-69 . . . . .	152,796	1909-10 . . . . .	961,522
1869-70 . . . . .	160,573	1910-11 . . . . .	987,268
1870-71 . . . . .	179,250	1911-12 . . . . .	1,006,717
1871-72 . . . . .	192,958	1912-13 . . . . .	1,049,011
1872-73 . . . . .	209,456	1913-14 . . . . .	1,067,103
1873-74 . . . . .	260,550	1914-15 . . . . .	1,098,702
1874-75 . . . . .	276,918	1915-16 . . . . .	1,121,747
1875-76 . . . . .	297,873	1916-17 . . . . .	1,139,682
1876-77 . . . . .	321,010	1917-18 . . . . .	1,157,326
1877-78 . . . . .	345,734	1918-19 . . . . .	1,173,695
1878-79 . . . . .	360,963	1919-20 . . . . .	1,197,498
1879-80 . . . . .	377,225	1920-21 . . . . .	1,224,510
1880-81 . . . . .	390,982	1921-22 . . . . .	1,258,211
1881-82 . . . . .	404,221	1922-23 . . . . .	1,284,094
1882-83 . . . . .	422,116	1923-24 . . . . .	1,308,041
1883-84 . . . . .	438,594	1924-25 . . . . .	1,333,264
1884-85 . . . . .	453,947	1925 . . . . .	1,363,515
1885 . . . . .	460,993	1926 . . . . .	1,388,439
1886 . . . . .	479,421	1927 . . . . .	1,418,489
1887 . . . . .	492,956	1928 . . . . .	1,442,802
1888 . . . . .	505,872	1929 . . . . .	1,475,743
1889 . . . . .	520,508	1930 . . . . .	1,526,951
1890 . . . . .	536,027	1931 . . . . .	1,572,802
1891 . . . . .	556,283	1932 . . . . .	1,631,422
1892 . . . . .	576,237		

Volumes in entire library system . . . . .	1,631,422
Volumes in the Business Branch . . . . .	11,903
Volumes in the branches . . . . .	497,628



These volumes are located as follows:

Central Library . . . .	1,121,891	Mattapan . . . .	16,163
Business Branch . . . .	11,903	Memorial . . . .	21,218
Allston . . . .	11,927	Mt. Bowdoin . . . .	13,947
Andrew Square . . . .	10,628	Mt. Pleasant . . . .	8,023
Boylston . . . .	10,592	Neponset . . . .	7,084
Brighton . . . .	22,302	North End . . . .	13,998
Charlestown . . . .	16,858	Orient Heights . . . .	8,139
City Point . . . .	11,787	Parker Hill . . . .	12,473
Codman Square . . . .	17,673	Phillips Brooks . . . .	4,153
Dorchester . . . .	16,520	Roslindale . . . .	14,441
East Boston . . . .	23,095	Roxbury Crossing . . . .	5,453
Faneuil . . . .	10,895	South Boston . . . .	22,906
Fellowes Athenaeum . . . .	40,646	South End . . . .	12,649
Hyde Park . . . .	30,922	Tyler Street . . . .	7,638
Jeffries Point . . . .	8,031	Uphams Corner . . . .	16,763
Jamaica Plain . . . .	19,571	West End . . . .	25,162
Kirstein . . . .	6,684	West Roxbury . . . .	21,972
Lower Mills . . . .	7,315		

#### THE BINDERY

	1931	1932
Number of volumes bound in various styles . . . .	74,216	75,393
Magazines stitched . . . .	106	107
Volumes repaired . . . .	1,949	1,907
Volumes guarded . . . .	674	669
Maps mounted . . . .	281	142
Photographs and engravings mounted . . . .	6,433	5,815
Library publications folded, stitched and trimmed . . . .	83,254	97,200

#### THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT

	1931	1932
Requisitions received and filled . . . .	166	288
Card Catalogue (Central Library):		
Titles (Printing Department count) . . . .	6,924	10,620
Cards finished . . . .	100,492	123,644
Card Catalogue (Branches):		
Titles (Printing Department count) . . . .	792	1,000
Cards finished . . . .	75,765	74,777
Signs . . . .	237	3,115
Blank forms (numbered series) . . . .	2,421,334	6,139,910
Forms, circulars and sundries (unnumbered) . . . .	67,750	140,002
Catalogues, pamphlets, and bibliographical programmes . . . .	79,550	84,950

#### OUTSTANDING BOOK PURCHASES

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- Graves, Gertrude M., compiler. A New England family (Fowle and Hunnewell) and their French ancestors, with genealogical records of some ancestors, descendants and various affiliated families. Boston. Privately printed. 1930.
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- Mather, Cotton. A midnight cry. An essay for our awakening out of that sinful sleep, to which we are at this time too much disposed; and for our discovering of what peculiar things there are in this time, that are for our awakening. In a discourse given on a day of prayer, kept by the North-Church in Boston, 1692. By Cotton Mather. Now published for the use of that church, together with a copy

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- Moussinac, Léon. *Tendances nouvelles du théâtre. Choix de décors, costumes, détails de mise en scène utilisés dans les représentations les plus originales de ces quinze dernières années. Précédé de remarques sur les récentes recherches de l'art du théâtre.* Paris. Les Éditions Albert Lévy. 1931. Edition limited to 615 copies. Illustrations, some in color.
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- Boston City Messenger. Tercentenary of the founding of Boston: an account of the celebration marking the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the site of the City of Boston, Massachusetts. Compiled by direction of His Honor, James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston. Boston, 1931. 90 copies.
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- Sheffield, Mrs. Amelia D., Providence. Sheffield, Daggett and allied families: a genealogical study, with biographical notes, prepared and privately printed for Mrs. George St. John Sheffield, by the American Historical Society, Inc., N. Y., 1932. The volume is bound in blue morocco, elaborately tooled, with many illustrations, including coats of arms and hand-painted initial letters.
- Storror, Mrs. James J. A collection of 1,169 volumes, including 198 volumes on architecture and allied subjects, several hundred books in French, German and Italian, and about fifty volumes of children's books and modern English fiction and non-fiction.
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- Thomson, John W., Pittsfield. A collection of two hundred and seventy-three volumes, including the "Reports of the exploration and survey of the most economical and practicable route for a railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean" (26v.); "Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York" (21v.) and several volumes on the care and training of horses.
- Underhill, Francis Jay, Brooklyn. Two hundred and seventeen volumes from the library of Francis Jay Underhill, including a forty-eight volume set of the works of Sir Walter Scott, bound by Clarke & Bedford, and several other volumes in fine bindings.
- Wendell, Mrs. Barrett. A collection of one hundred and forty-six volumes, including forty-four volumes of Boston City Documents, a 17-volume set of "Elementi della storia de Sommi Pontefici da San Pietro", Rome, 1821; and a 13-volume set of "I fasti della chiesa nelle vite de' Santi." Milan, 1824.
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#### LECTURES — CONCERTS

A series of 120 free concerts, lectures, and entertainments was presented under the auspices of the Library in the Lecture Hall of the Central Library. Again the Library was privileged through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge to include in its program a series of chamber concerts. These concerts were given by the South Mountain String Quartet (of Pittsfield) on the afternoon and evening of January 24, and by the Pro Arte Quartet (of Brussels) on the afternoon and evening of May 1. The afternoon concerts were held in the Mattapan Branch Library and the evening concerts in the Central Library.

## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS OF 1932

There were held various exhibitions in the Exhibition Room, in the Treasure Room, and in the Children's Room of the Central Library.

## TRUST FUNDS.

Artz Fund — Donation from MISS VICTORINE THOMAS ARTZ, of Chicago: the income of this sum to be employed in the purchase of valuable, rare editions of the writings, either in verse or prose of American and foreign authors. These books are to be known as the "Longfellow Memorial Collection." Received in 1896.

\$10,000.00

Bates Fund — Donation made by JOSHUA BATES, of London, in March, 1853.

"The income only of this fund is to be each and every year expended in the purchase of such books of permanent value and authority as may be found most needful and most useful." Payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being.

\$50,000.00

Charles H. L. N. Bernard Fund — Bequest of CHARLES H. L. N. BERNARD. Received in 1930.

\$2,000.00

Bigelow Fund — Donation made by JOHN P. BIGELOW in August, 1850, when Mayor of the city.

The income from this fund is to be appropriated for the purchase of books for the increase of the library.

\$1,000.00

Robert Charles Billings Fund — Bequest of ROBERT CHARLES BILLINGS.

"The sum to constitute a permanent fund for said library, to be called the Robert Charles Billings Fund, the income only to be used for the purpose of the purchase of books for said library." Received in 1903.

\$100,284.29

Bowditch Fund — Bequest of J. INGERSOLL BOWDITCH. Received in 1890.

The whole income in each and every year to be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value and authority in mathematics and astronomy.

\$10,000.00

Bradlee Fund — Bequest of the REV. CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE to the Boston Public Library. Received in 1897.

\$1,000.00

Joseph H. Center Fund — Bequest of JOSEPH H. CENTER, the income thereof to be at all times applied to the purchase of books and other additions to the library. Received in 1905.

\$39,908.89



Children's Fund — Bequest of JOSIAH H. BENTON of \$100,000, to be held as "The Children's Fund," and the income applied to the purchase of books for the use of the young, to be applied for those purposes only in years when the city appropriates for the maintenance of the Library at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and income in said city. In any year when the city does not thus appropriate at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and income in said City, the income given in said will for the purchase of books shall be paid to the Rector of Trinity Church in the City of Boston to be by him dispensed in relieving the necessities of the poor.

\$107,092.38

Clement Fund — Bequest of the late FRANK CLEMENT, of Newton, to be known as the "Frank Clement Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books. Received in 1915.

\$2,000.00

Henry Sargent Codman Memorial Fund — This is a contribution from the friends of HENRY SARGENT CODMAN, to be used to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Codman by the purchase of books upon landscape gardening. It is the desire of the subscribers that a special book plate shall be inserted in each of the volumes purchased, identifying it as part of their memorial collection. Received in 1898.

\$2,854.41

Cutter Fund — Bequest of ABRAM E. CUTTER of four thousand dollars and his library of books, the income of the fund to be expended for the purchase of books, and for binding. Received in 1901.

\$4270.00

Elizabeth Fund — Bequest of SARAH A. MATCHETT, late of Brookline, who died October 6, 1910, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her will:

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be called the Elizabeth fund, to be received, held and securely invested, and only the net income therefrom expended every year in the purchase of such books of permanent value and authority as may be most useful in said Library."

\$25,000.00

Daniel Sharp Ford Fund — A bequest of DANIEL SHARP FORD to the Public Library of the City of Boston, to be used for the purchase of books for the young until otherwise ordered by the Board. Received in 1900.

\$6,000.00

Franklin Club Fund — Donation made in June, 1863, by a literary association of young men in Boston, who, at the dissolution of the association, authorized its trustees, Thomas Minns, John J. French and J. Franklin Reed, to dispose of the funds on hand in such manner

as to them should seem judicious. They elected to bestow them on the Public Library, attaching thereto only the following conditions: "In trust, that the income, but the income only, shall, year by year, be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value, for the use of the free Public Library of the city, and as far as practicable of such a character as to be of special interest to young men." The trustees expressed a preference for books relative to government and political economy. \$1,000.00

Isabella Stewart Gardner Fund — Bequest of ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER.

"To the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, for the Brown Musical Library, for a memorial to B. J. Lang." Received in 1924. \$5,000.00

Morris Gest Fund — Donation made by MR. MORRIS GEST in December 1925, the gross receipts from a benefit performance for the Library of "The Miracle", — \$2,652.50, the income to be used in the interest of dramatic art. \$2,652.50

Green Fund — Donations of DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN of \$2,000, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books relating to American history. Received in 1878 and 1884. \$2,000.00

Charlotte Harris Fund — Bequest of CHARLOTTE HARRIS, late of Boston, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her will: "I give to the Charlestown Public Library \$10,000, to be invested on interest, which interest is to be applied to the purchase of books published before 1850. I also give to said Public Library my own private library and the portrait of my grandfather, Richard Devens." Bequests accepted by City Council, July 31, 1877.

\$10,000.00

Thomas B. Harris Fund — Bequest of THOMAS B. HARRIS, late of Charlestown, for the benefit of the Charlestown Public Library. Received in 1884. \$1,047.06

Alfred Hemenway Fund — Bequest of Alfred Hemenway. Received in 1928. \$5,000.00

Hyde Fund — Bequest of FRANKLIN P. HYDE of Boston, to be known as the "Franklin P. Hyde Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books and other library material. Received in 1915.

\$3,632.40

David P. Kimball Fund — Bequest of DAVID P. KIMBALL.

"I give to the Public Library of the City of Boston, the income to be used for the purchase of books, \$10,000." Received in 1924.

\$10,039.65

Louis E. Kirstein Fund — Donations of \$1,000 each made by Mr. LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, "to be used for any purpose of the Library that the Trustees see fit to put it to."

October, 1925 . . . . .	\$1,000.00
October, 1926 . . . . .	1,000.00
November, 1927 . . . . .	1,000.00
October, 1928 . . . . .	1,000.00
October, 1929 . . . . .	1,000.00

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\$5,000.00

Arthur Mason Knapp Fund — Extract from the will of KATHERINE KNAPP: "To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to be known as the Arthur Mason Knapp Fund, of which the income only shall be used for the purchase of books for said library. And I hereby request that such books be designated with an appropriate label or inscription, bearing the name of the Fund." Received in 1914.

\$10,000.00

Helen Lambert Fund — Bequest of Helen Lambert of Boston in memory of Frederic and Louise Lambert. Received in 1931. The income of this fund to be expended for the purchase of books and other library material until otherwise ordered by the Board.

\$1,051.00

Abbott Lawrence Fund — Bequest of ABBOTT LAWRENCE, of Boston. Received in 1860. The interest on this fund is to be exclusively appropriated for the purchase of books for the said library having a permanent value.

\$10,000.00

Edward Lawrence Fund — Bequest of EDWARD LAWRENCE, of Charlestown. Received in 1886. The following clause from his will explains its purpose:

"To hold and apply the income and so much of the principal as they may choose, to the purchase of special books of reference to be kept and used only at the Charlestown branch of said Public Library."

500.00

Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund — Bequest of ELIZABETH LEWIS, to be known as the Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund: "I give and bequeath to the Boston Public Library the sum of \$5,000 as a fund, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of such old and rare books as shall be fitly selected to augment the collection known as the John A. Lewis Library." Received in 1903.

\$5,000.00

Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund — Donation from the family of CHARLES GREELY LORING, the income of which is to be expended

for the purchase of books for the West End Branch. Received in 1896. \$500.00

Charles Mead Fund — Bequest of CHARLES MEAD, to constitute the Charles Mead Public Library Trust Fund for the promotion of the objects of the Public Library in such manner as the government of said library shall deem best, and so far as the government shall deem consistent with the objects of the library to be used for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received in 1896. \$2,530.51

Gardner O. North Fund — Bequest of Gardner O. North. Received in 1928. \$2,000.00

The Oakland Hall Trust Fund — By an interlocutory decree of the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, the amount of \$11,781.44 was received, the same being one-half of the net amount received from the disposition of certain property held by the Trustees, under an indenture between Amor Hollingsworth, Sumner A. Burt and Amor L. Hollingsworth, all of Milton, Mass., and John H. McKendry, of Boston, Mass., entered into the sixth day of August, 1870. The above amount was accepted by the City, January 2, 1924, and the Trustees of the Public Library voted to invest the same under the name of "The Oakland Hall Trust Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books and other library material for the Mattapan Branch. \$11,781.44

John Boyle O'Reilly Fund — Donation received from the PAPYRUS CLUB to establish a fund in memory of John Boyle O'Reilly, late member of said club, the income of said fund to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Boston Public Library. Received in 1897. \$1,000.00

Phillips Fund — Donation made by JONATHAN PHILLIPS, of Boston, in April, 1853.

The interest of this fund is to be used exclusively for the purchase of books for said library. \$10,000.00

Also a bequest by the same gentleman in his will dated September 20, 1849.

The interest on which is to be annually devoted to the maintenance of a free Public Library. \$20,000.00

Both of these items are payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being.

Pierce Fund — Donation made by HENRY L. PIERCE, Mayor of the City, November 29, 1873, and accepted by the City Council, December 27, 1873. \$5,000.00

- Sarah E. Pratt Fund — Bequest from SARAH E. PRATT, late of Boston, under the 14th clause of her will, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, \$500.00. Received in January, 1922. Distribution of residue of estate in May, 1924, \$964.30. \$1,494.18
- Guilford Reed Fund — Bequest of Helen Leah Reed, as a memorial to Guilford S. Reed; the income to be applied to the purchase of books of non-fiction. \$1,000.00
- John Singer Sargent Fund — Balance remaining in hands of surviving trustees of fund originally raised to install in the Library decorations by John Singer Sargent; the income to be used for the care and preservation of the Sargent decorations, etc. \$3,858.24
- Scholfield Fund — Bequest of ARTHUR SCHOLFIELD, who died in New York, January 17, 1883. The interest to be paid to certain heirs during their lives, and then to be used for the purchase of books of permanent value. The last heir, Joseph Scholfield, died November 18, 1889, and by his will bequeathed to the City of Boston the sum of \$11,766.67, which represents the income of said fund received by him up to the time of his death, to which was added \$33.33 accrued interest on deposit up to the time of investment, to be added to the fund given by his brother. \$61,879.30
- Sewall Fund — Extract from the will of RICHARD BLACK SEWALL: "*Tenth.* — I bequeath the following pecuniary legacies clear of legacy tax, namely, To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston \$25,000 to be added to their funds and the income to be used for the purchase of books." Received in 1918. \$25,000.00
- Skinner Fund — Extract from the will of FRANCIS SKINNER: "*Eleventh.* — All my books and library I give and bequeath to my son, to be enjoyed by him during his life and after his death to be distributed as he shall appoint among such public libraries, as he shall judge fit, and in case he makes no such appointment then to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston. "*Sixteenth.* — All the rest and residue of my said property of whatever kind, I give and bequeath to Augustus P. Loring and J. Lewis Stackpole in trust to pay the net income to my son Francis Skinner, Jr., during his life, or to apply the same to his maintenance and support, or the maintenance and support of any issue of his, as they shall think best during his life; and at his death to apply the income to the maintenance and support of his issue until his youngest child shall reach the age of 21 years and then to distribute said property among said issue, the issue of a deceased child to take the share a parent would have if living.



"If there shall be no issue surviving at the time of my son's death, then to turn the said property into cash and to divide it equally among the following legatees: The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston, Massachusetts, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Medical School of Harvard University, and the Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Massachusetts." Received in 1914. \$51,732.14

South Boston Branch Library Trust Fund — Donation of a citizen of South Boston, the income of which is to be expended for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received in 1879.

\$100.00

Mary Elizabeth Stewart Fund — Bequest of MARY ELIZABETH STEWART of \$3,500 to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library. The Trustees voted under date of June 29, 1923, that the income be applied to the purchase of books and other library material.

\$3,500.00

James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund — Gift of Helen Storrow and Elizabeth Randolph Storrow as a memorial to James Jackson Storrow, Senior; income to be used for the purchase of Italian books.

\$25,000.00

Patrick F. Sullivan Bequest — Extract from will: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library the sum of five thousand dollars, the principal or income of said sum to be expended by them for the purchase of Catholic standard books, said books to be approved by the Archbishop of the diocese of Boston, Mass., or by the President of the Trustees of Boston College, in Boston, Mass." Received in 1908.

This bequest, together with interest amounting to \$339.61, has been expended for books.

Ticknor Bequest — By the will of GEORGE TICKNOR, of Boston, he gave to the City of Boston, on the death of his wife, all his books and manuscripts in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, about four thousand volumes, and also the sum of four thousand dollars. After the receipt of said sums the city is required to spend not less than one thousand dollars in every five years during the twenty-five years next succeeding (*i.e.*, the income of four thousand dollars, at the rate of five per cent per annum) in the purchase of books in the Spanish and Portuguese languages and literature. At the end of twenty-five years the income of said sum to be expended annually in the purchase of books of permanent value, either in the Spanish or

Portuguese languages, or in such other languages as may be deemed expedient by those having charge of the library. The books bequeathed or purchased are always to be freely accessible for reference or study, but are not to be loaned for use outside of the library building. If these bequests are not accepted by the city, and the trusts and conditions faithfully executed, the books, manuscripts and money are to be given to the President and Fellows of Harvard College. In order that the city might receive the immediate benefit of this contribution, Anna Ticknor, widow of the donor, relinquished her right to retain during her life the books and manuscripts, and placed them under the control of the city, the City Council having previously accepted the bequests in accordance with the terms and conditions of said will, and the Trustees of the Public Library received said bequests on behalf of the city, and made suitable arrangements for the care and custody of the books and manuscripts. Received in 1871. \$4,000.00

William C. Todd Newspaper Fund — Donation by WILLIAM C. TODD, accepted by order of the City Council, approved October 30, 1897, the income to be at least two thousand dollars a year, to be expended by the Library Trustees for newspapers of this and other countries. \$50,000.00

Townsend Fund— Donation from William Minot and William Minot, Jr., executors of the will of MARY P. TOWNSEND, of Boston, at whose disposal she left a certain portion of her estate in trust for such charitable and public institutions as they might think meritorious. Said executors accordingly selected the Public Library of the City of Boston as one of such institutions, and attached the following conditions to the legacy: "The income only shall, in each and every year, be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the library; each of which books shall have been published in some one edition at least five years at the time it may be so purchased." Received in 1879. \$4,000.00

Treadwell Fund — By the will of the late DANIEL TREADWELL, of Cambridge, late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, who died February 27, 1872, he left the residue of his estate, after payment of debts, legacies, etc., in trust to his executors, to hold during the life of his wife for her benefit, and after her decease to divide the residue then remaining in the hands of the Trustees, as therein provided, and convey one-fifth part thereof to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

By order of the City Council, approved May 17, 1872, said bequest was accepted and the Trustees of the Public Library authorized to receive the same and invest it in the City of Boston Bonds, income



of which is to be expended by said Trustees in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library. \$13,987.69

Tufts Fund — Bequest of NATHAN A. TUFTS, of Charlestown, to be known as the "Nathan A. Tufts Fund," the income to be applied at all times to the purchase of books and other additions to the library to be placed in the Charlestown Branch. Received in 1906.

\$10,195.43

Twentieth Regiment Memorial Fund — Donation on account of the TWENTIETH REGIMENT MEMORIAL FUND, the income to be used for the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be placed in the alcove appropriated as a memorial to the Twentieth Regiment. Received in 1897.

\$5,000.00

Horace G. Wadlin Fund — Bequest of HORACE G. WADLIN, of Reading, former Librarian, who died November 5, 1925, of \$2,000 to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston to be permanently funded and the income thereof used for the purchase of books. Received in 1932.

\$2,030.51

Wales Fund — Extract from the will of GEORGE C. WALES:

"After the foregoing bequests I direct that the sum of five thousand dollars be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the same to be held, managed and invested by them, so as to produce an income, and the said income to be applied to the purchase of such books for said Library as they may deem best." Received in 1918.

\$5,000.00

Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund. — Bequest of MEHITABLE C. C. WILSON, the income to be expended for the purchase of books for the Boston Public Library. Received in 1913.

\$1,000.00

Whitney Funds — Bequests of JAMES LYMAN WHITNEY, who died September 25, 1910.

Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund — The twelfth clause of his will directed that: One-tenth of said remaining income of the principal fund, I direct to be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, to be held and accumulated by said Trustees and permanently invested and re-invested. The first five thousand dollars of income so accumulated, including the income thereon arising during the period of accumulation, I request to be funded in the name of my sister, Alice Lincoln Whitney, and the income of said fund after its accumulation or so much of said income as may be required, to be paid to such employees of the said Library, who are sick and in need of help, as the Trustees may in their discretion deem most worthy (there are often such cases). Any amount of income

from said accumulated fund not needed for the purpose just mentioned shall be used for the purchase of books and manuscripts.

\$5,000.00

James Lyman Whitney Fund — The Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund having been established, all amounts of income of the principal fund paid to said Trustees, after the accumulation of said fund of five thousand dollars shall be held as the James Lyman Whitney Fund, and invested and re-invested and the income used in equal shares, one share for the purchase of rare and expensive books, and one share for the purchase and care of manuscripts; one half at least of the share devoted to manuscripts to be expended for their cataloguing and proper care.

\$22,416.05

In addition to the above Mr. Whitney created a trust, directing that of the net income seven hundred dollars a year be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, to be expended on bibliographic work for the benefit of the Library.

Central Library Building Fund — Donations in response to an appeal by the Trustees in April, 1925, setting forth the needs of the Library, from:

Percy Lee Atherton . . . . .	\$ 25.00
William York Peters . . . . .	25.00
John T. Spaulding . . . . .	100.00

\$150.00

Donations — Besides the preceding, the following donations have been made to the Public Library, and the amounts have been appropriated for the purchase of books, according to the intention of the donors, viz.:

Samuel Appleton, late of Boston . . . . .	\$6,800.00
H. C. Bentley . . . . .	220.38
J. Ingersoll Bowditch . . . . .	6,800.00
Nathaniel I. Bowditch . . . . .	200.00
James Brown, late of Cambridge . . . . .	500.00
Andrew Carnegie . . . . .	980.75
Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch Library . . . . .	335.13
Sally Inman Kast Shepard . . . . .	1,000.00
James Nightingale . . . . .	100.00

\$11,136.26

## RECAPITULATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.

Artz Fund . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00
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Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund . . . . .	5,000.00
Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund . . . . .	500.00
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Gardner O. North Fund . . . . .	2,000.00
The Oakland Hall Trust Fund . . . . .	11,781.44
John Boyle O'Reilly Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Phillips Fund . . . . .	30,000.00
Pierce Fund . . . . .	5,000.00
Sarah E. Pratt Fund . . . . .	1,494.18
Guilford Reed Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
John Singer Sargent Fund . . . . .	3,858.24
Scholfield Fund . . . . .	61,879.30
Sewall Fund . . . . .	25,000.00
Skinner Fund . . . . .	51,732.14
South Boston Branch Library Trust Fund . . . . .	100.00
Mary Elizabeth Stewart Fund . . . . .	3,500.00
James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund . . . . .	25,000.00
Ticknor Fund . . . . .	4,000.00
William C. Todd Newspaper Fund . . . . .	50,000.00
Townsend Fund . . . . .	4,000.00
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Wales Fund . . . . .	5,000.00
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James Lyman Whitney Fund . . . . .	22,416.05
Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund . . . . .	1,000.00

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